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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 16, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 26, 2003, your reconsideration is requested for the subject application, based on the amendments and arguments presented in this document.